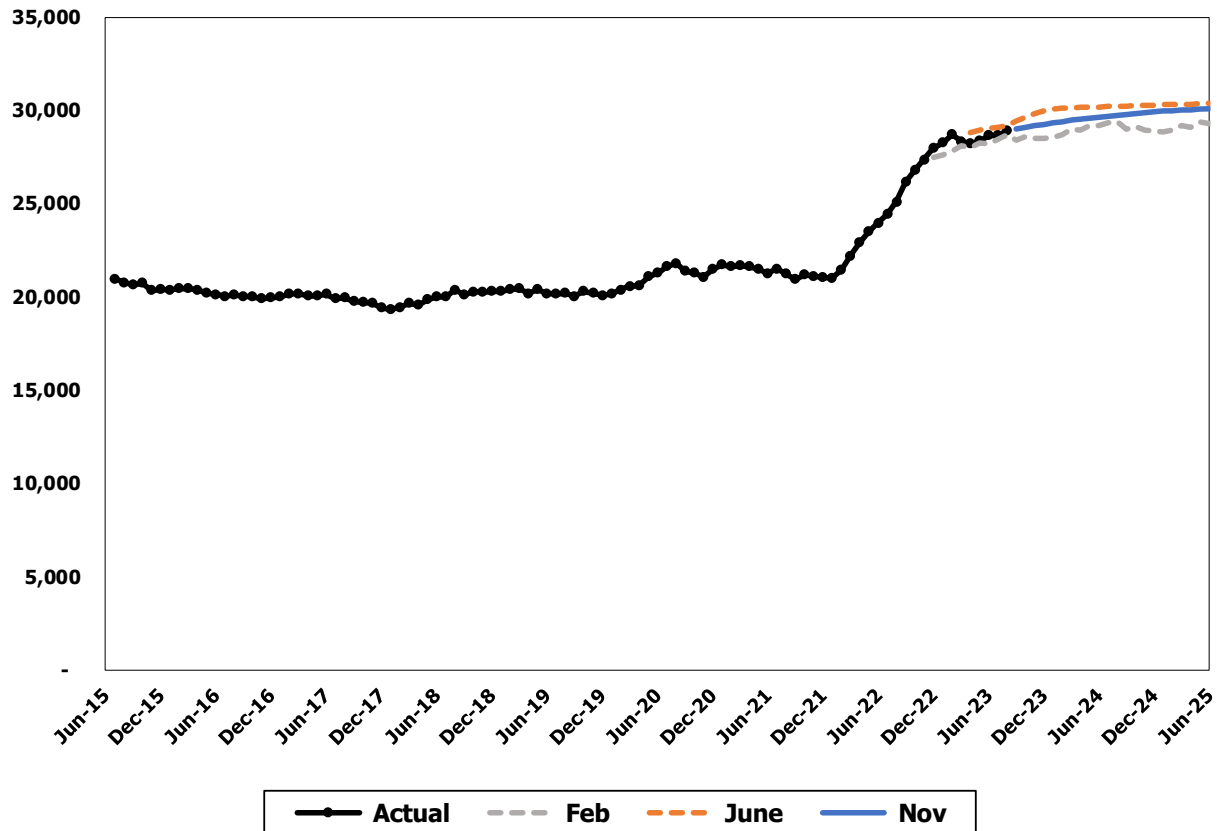


Aged, Blind and Disabled Assistance Grant Program – Total Caseload



The Aged, Blind and Disabled Assistance program (ABD) provides financial assistance to persons whose long-term mental and/or physical disabilities likely qualify them for the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, regardless of citizenship status. This forecast includes three components: Presumptive SSI, Aged, and Disabled.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-23 Forecast	Jun-23 Forecast	Nov-23 Forecast	Feb to Nov Difference	Percent Difference	Jun to Nov Difference	Percent Difference
2024	28,753	29,864	29,286	534	1.9%	-578	-2.0%
2025	29,149	30,321	29,947	798	2.7%	-373	-1.2%

The November 2023 forecast is 476 cases or 1.6 percent lower than the June 2023 forecast for the 2023-25 Biennium.

Tracking the Current Forecast

Month	Jun-23		Variance	Percent Variance
	Forecast	Actual		
Apr-23	28,852	28,252	-600	-2.1%
May-23	28,961	28,396	-565	-2.0%
Jun-23	29,046	28,676	-370	-1.3%
Jul-23	29,132	28,681	-451	-1.5%
Aug-23	29,224	28,934	-290	-1.0%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 455 cases or 1.6 percent below the June 2023 forecast.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

Fiscal Year		Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	20,512		
	2017	20,075	-437	-2.1%
	2018	19,707	-368	-1.8%
	2019	20,293	586	3.0%
	2020	20,442	149	0.7%
	2021	21,529	1,087	5.3%
	2022	21,857	328	1.5%
	2023	27,384	5,527	25.3%
Forecast	2024	29,286	1,902	6.9%
	2025	29,947	661	2.3%

Changes in the ABD forecast are driven primarily by the following:

- A leveling off of the Presumptive SSI trend in 2023, likely due to a renewal of pre-COVID policies and to the Department of Social and Health Services fixing earlier staffing issues;
- An increase from Ukrainian clients age 65+ leaving Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) but still in the process of applying for SSI or entering the ABD Aged caseload.

Risks to the Forecast

The risks to the forecast are moderate. An additional risk is due to high levels of Ukrainian refugees over 65 in RCA who are nearing the end of their 12 months of RCA eligibility or entering the ABD Aged caseload. This caseload is also heavily impacted by changing economic conditions.